

# SPORTING PAGE

## ENGLISH ARE READY TO BET ON DEMPSEY

BY JACK VELOCK  
(N. Y. Service Sporting Editor.)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—"Georges  
Carpentier should defeat your man  
Dempsey. There has never been an-  
other like Georges."

"Should Carpentier fail, even to the  
point of getting knocked out, Demp-  
sey will never be able to really beat  
him; never crush his spirit."

Here is the English viewpoint of the  
French champion and the angle from  
which the average British fight fan  
looks at a fighter, according to Tex  
O'Rourke, matchmaker of the Inter-  
national Sporting Club, who has just  
returned to this country from a trip  
abroad, bringing back some of Lon-  
don's best amateur battlers.

"They have a different way of look-  
ing at a fighter over there," said  
O'Rourke today. "Once a boxer has  
established himself—got a reputation—  
he can go on and on, no matter how  
many times he is beaten. Look at  
Beckett for instance. I'll venture we  
have ten men or perhaps more in this  
country who could knock Beckett cold  
but the English still stick to him.  
He's the champion and that settles it."

"When Carpentier and Dempsey  
meet there's going to be a lot of Brit-  
ish and French money on the hand-  
some Georges and at odds. Why, you  
can get two to one on Carpentier in  
France right now and as good as 10 to  
7 in England. Perhaps, if the fight  
is staged on the other side and Demp-  
sey goes over there to train, the bet-  
ting odds will fluctuate after the Eng-  
lish have had a chance to look him  
over. But now they can't see any-  
thing but Carpentier."

"After Moran knocked Beckett out  
one member of the National Sporting  
Club asked me if I couldn't arrange to  
have Bill Brennan or some other good  
heavyweight come across to fight be-  
fore his club. He even suggested  
Dempsey and wanted to stage Beckett  
on the other end of the match."

"What's the matter with Moran?"  
I asked him. Tex said, "and he re-  
plied that Moran wouldn't do because  
he wasn't a champion and because he  
did not rank as a top-notch among  
Americans. And this after he knock-  
ed Beckett for a goal in two rounds.  
So you see the English are en-  
thusiastic over the plan of the Inter-  
national Sporting Club for encourag-  
ing amateurs, creating champions in  
the various industries and bringing to-  
gether the leading amateur title-hold-  
ers of different nations."

O'Rourke brought back the heavy  
and middleweight champions of the  
London police force and the army and  
navy title-holders. The American  
champions will be selected soon and  
the bouts will be featured by the In-  
ternational Sporting Club about the  
middle of January.

## Hyde Park Principal Denies Quitting Sports

Reports that Hyde Park High  
School would not be represented in  
basketball league play are denied by  
Principal H. B. Loomis, who says that  
over sixty players have been working  
out for the past ten days, under the  
direction of Carl Cobelli, who trained  
championship teams in 1914 and 1916.  
"Moreover, I want to say that Hyde  
Park is in athletics all the time and  
not simply when it has a winning  
team. A school of this kind certainly  
can turn out a basketball team,  
even if a few of its athletes are dis-  
qualified."

## Butler College Quintet Beats Bloomington Fans

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 31.—Shoot-  
ing baskets from every angle of the  
four, Pat Page's Butler college bas-  
ketball team of Indianapolis defeated  
the Bloomington Fan's association five  
to a hard fought game here last night,  
25 to 27.

## RED CROWNS TOO FAST FOR DENVER

The reorganized Whiting Red  
Crown opened their season last night  
before 1,200 fans at Whiting with a  
48 to 22 victory over the Denver A. A.  
of Denver, Colo. E. Watson was the  
high scorer of the evening, scoring  
eleven baskets, lineup:

Whiting (48). Denver (22).  
E. Watson.....L.H. Kane  
Beckman, Potter R.P. Doyle  
Tracy.....C. Stiffles  
T. Watson.....R.G. Walters  
Field baskets—E. Watson (11), Eck-  
man (2), Potter (6), Mastley (2), Eck-  
man (4), Stiffles (4), Young. Free throws  
—E. Watson (6), Young (4).

## JOE STECHER MAY LOSE LEFT ARM

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 24.—Joe Stecher,  
former world's heavyweight wrestling  
champion, was taken to the Fenger-  
Danish hospital in Omaha yesterday  
suffering from an attack of neuritis in  
his left arm. Stecher strained his  
arm during his recent bout at Mad-  
ison Square garden with "Strangler"  
Ed Lewis, in which he lost the title.  
Attending physicians say that Stecher  
will be unable to wrestle any more  
this winter and that he may lose his  
arm.

## Olympic Boxer to Make Pro Debut Tomorrow

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 24.—Pete Zivko  
who was a member of the United  
States boxing team at the Olympic  
games, will turn professional here on  
Christmas afternoon when he meets  
Patsy Young in one of the prelimi-  
naries of the Harry Greb-Jeff Smith  
bout. Zivko, who is a bantamweight,  
was one of the most consistent am-  
ateur winners in the Pittsburgh dis-  
trict. He was defeated at the Olymp-  
ic games in the final bouts of his  
class.



## FROM JACK O'KEEFE

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 23.

Sporting Editor:  
A few lines in the boring line, I  
have my brother Denny boxing Pinky  
Mitchell on New Years afternoon,  
weight 143 pounds at 10 o'clock. It  
will be held in the Auditorium at Mil-  
waukee before Andrew's club. The  
prices are popular price, \$1, \$2, and \$3.  
There is a train every hour on the  
Northwestern or on Chicago, Milwa-  
ukee and St. Paul. Also on the North  
Shore lines. It ought to be a great  
fight. Mitchell held Britton even. So  
did Denny. Denny gave Jack one of  
the hardest fights he ever had. He  
admits that himself. He should know.  
I know there are a lot of your readers  
who are interested in Denny so I beg  
of you to publish this story.

He also fights Frank Burress on  
January 18 at Calgary for the cham-  
pionship of Canada. He also is lined  
up with Leonard so he must beat  
Mitchell to get these fights. He is in  
good shape after his lay-off on ac-  
count of bad hands. I have Joe Bishop  
boxing Joe Berger at Whiting on the  
10th. Jimmy Quinn with MacLennan  
same card. Bill Henry and Bud Per-  
rell are at the rhomes for Xmas but  
will be back after New Years for the  
best of them. Bud made a big hit in  
Canada when he met Cal Delaney.  
They want him for Taitte the light-  
weight champion. I'll be very thank-  
ful to you for running this stuff.

Yours truly,  
JACK O'KEEFE

## PANTHERS TO HAVE GRID TEAM ALL YEAR

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 24.—A plan has  
been evolved at Carnegie Tech to keep  
the football squad organized the year  
around, and thus help its efficiency.  
The plan is to hold meetings at regu-  
lar intervals throughout the year.  
Under this plan all kinds of ideas  
will be brought out. New plays, the  
faults of last season and the sort of  
opposition that will be met in 1921 will  
be discussed. According to one of  
the men, the new plan is to have the  
Tech football team "think football  
every day of the year."



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## HAMMOND MAROONS ANNEX ANOTHER

(BY L. R. C.)

The Hammond Maroons won their  
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1920, at the Gary Y. M. C. A. by de-  
feating the Gary Owls, 18 to 10. Potts

starred for the victors by caging five  
baskets while LaCombe and Martens  
played stellar games at guard, the  
enemy seldom breaking through the  
Maroons' defense. Davis played an  
exceptional good game for the losers.  
In the first quarter both teams start-  
ed off with a rush, both teams making  
two baskets but in the next quarter  
the sturdiness of the Maroons began

to tell and they kept forging ahead.  
When the half ended the Maroons  
were ahead, 10 to 6. After play was  
resumed the game was in little danger  
of being lost by the Hammondites as  
they were always leading by a com-  
fortable margin. When the game was  
finally finished the score read, 18 to 10.  
Maroons—R. F. Potts; L. F. Eb-  
erle; C. Coyle; R. G. LaCombe; L. J.

Martens.  
Baskets—Potts (5), Eberle (3), Coyle  
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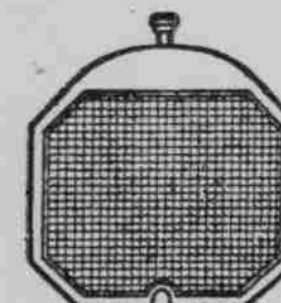
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